Marriage of CRPF officer to a Kashmiri Girl

142. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a CRPF officer was married to a Kashmiri Muslim girl;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Muslims girl is a graduate of English and Mathematics;

(c) wheher it is a fact that the Officer concerned had won number of medals for meritorious service;

(d) whether it is a fact that the girl embraced Sikhism on her free will before getting married to the CRPF Officer;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Officer was forced to resign from CRPF for marrying a Kashmiri Muslim girl; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the life of the couple is threatened by militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is understood that an Ex-Sub-Inspector of Central Reserve Police Force has married a Kashmiri Muslim girl.

(b) No such information is available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) No such information is available.

Report released by Amnesty International

143. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Report released by Amnesty International on torture of Shri Biraj Adhikari, an opposition politician in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken or propose to take on the question of compensation payable to Shri Adhikari in view of the serious injuries suffered by them.

(c) whether Government have analysed the earlier reports of the Amnesty International referred to in the aforesaid Report mainly relating to Shri Dharam Datt Sharma, a local Congress (I) activist, Shri Dhanraj Tamang, SDF Party worker, Shri Dukh Nath Nepal, Member of the CPM Sikkim State Organising Committee, Shri Rajender Behl, Editor of Janpath Samachar, the Hindi daily, Shri Hem Lall Bhandari, a practising Sikkimese Lawyer and Ms. Archana Guha, School Headmistress from West Bengal; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir, Amnesty International has published a report titled "INDIA-Sikkim: torture of an opposition politician" in October, 1994 which carries allegations of torture of Shri Biraj Adhikari, an opposition politician in Sikkim.

(b) The State Government of Sikkim has informed that the case pertaining to alleged torture of Shri Biraj Adhikari is presently subjudice. Meanwhile in compliance with an order passed by the High Court of Sikkim, Shri Biraj Adhikari was sent for treatment to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi at the expense of the State Government. The State Government had also borne the expenses on the other three persons who had accompanied him to Delhi.

(c) and (d) As for the case Miss Archana Guha referred to earlier, State Government of West Bengal has informed that the matter is sub-judice. In case of Dharam Dutt Sharma, State Government of Sikkim has informed that persons prima-facie accused of torture of Dharma Dutt Sharma were arrested and released on bail. They are under suspension and facing prosecution in Court of the Sessions Judge, South & West. Rest of the cases included in the last Amnesty's Report for the first time,